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### THE TREND IN WEATHER

This winter has been a rugged one, as was predicted by at least one famous almanac, and as had been predicted by more than one weather expert.

One notable weather expert, writing in a national magazine last fall, noted that sunspots indicated a return of bitter winters. In other words, the frequency of sunspots has lessened and therefore colder weather can be expected.

Moreover, it was pointed out by this weather expert that weather ran in forty-year cycles. The forty-year cycle toward warmer winters has just concluded, according to this theory, and we are now entering a forty-year cycle of colder and colder winters.

While we are not the final authority on weather matters, it seems that this winter's weather has backed up this theory admirably. It has backed it up to the extent that most of Florida's produce crops, and much of her citrus fruit, have been lost or damaged by several severe freezes. The sustained freezing weather in the southeastern part of the country, and in the southwestern rgions to some extent, has been unusual and abnormally harsh.

If the expert who predicted a forty-year trend toward colder and colder winters is correct, by the 1960's we will be feeling the trend even more severely. By then, according to this prediction, we will be experiencing weather which comes nearer to the bitter winters of the 1850's than any we have seen in many years.

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### LOTS OF ABLE MEN — BUT HOW ABOUT AGE?

As Virginia Democrats cast about for a likely candidate for the seat in the United States Senate to be vacated by Senator Harry Byrd at the end of his present term, it is fortunate that the Old Dominion has a sizeable list of those worthy of consideration. Regret at the decision of the veteran Senator to retire, is marked by knowledge that a long tenure of office gave weight and authority to his leadership in the nation's top law-making body. Senator Byrd was an able man to start with, and he was kept in the Senate long enough to achieve the maximum in service.

Therefore, a good question to ask concerning each of those being mentioned as potential candidates for the Senate is, — if this person was elected to the Senate and stayed there in service as long as did Senator Byrd, what would be his age then?

There is enough suitable material for the Senate in Virginia, for the state not to have to send a "stop-gap veteran" there for merely one or two terms. The strength of The South in times past in the Senate has hinged around the SENIORITY in service and committee ranking of its Senators.

It is going to be most difficult to replace Senator Byrd. He was one of the ablest men of his generation. It is our hope that the Democrats of Virginia will look to the long-range welfare of the Old Dominion and select a man of not over fifty years of age, and keep him in the Senate until he, too has the seniority that Byrd earned over a quarter of a century. Other than this vital age differential, we have nothing but good will,and high opinion toward each and every one of the potential candidates being mentioned. They would make outstanding Senators. But: would they still be active at Seniority-age?

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### IKE AND A TAX CUT

President Eisenhower recently told a news conference (the first he had held in some time) that a tax cut for business was a reserve weapon which could be used to give lagging business a shot in the arm.

But, in admitting he was thinking of a tax cut as a possible stimulant for business, the President also said that he looked for business to pick up around the middle of the year. In saying this, the President seemed to indicate that he would not recommend the tax cut unless business did not pick up by June, or July, or perhaps August.

If this is true, the President could not propose a tax cut to be acted upon by the second session of the 85th Congress. The second session of the 85th Congress will adjourn in August, or thereabouts. Since this is an election year, adjournment will be pushed earlier than usual and members of Congress will be hurrying home to tour the countryside in the campaign.

It boils down to the fact that if a tax cut is to come it will be recommended to the first session of the 86th Congress. That Congress meets in 1959 and if it decided to cut taxes, it would probably not cut them retroactively. That means the earliest tax cut would affect 1960.

On the other hand, there are several indications that the defense bill will be higher than has been thought by some, and that tax collections will be lower than anticipated. If this expected result materializes, the Government will be well into the red and deficit spending will be proceeding before the end of this calendar year, perhaps even before the end of the fiscal year.

It is highly unlikely, under these circumstances, that any tax cut in the foreseeable future can be anticipated.

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### THE FRENCH: DUBIOUS ALLIES

The action of French military authorities in Algeria recently, in sending twenty-five French Warplanes to attack a helpless Tunisian village, has cost the West the friendship of countless numbers of Arabs, and also that of many citizens in other sections of the world.

The French, according to their account, bombed the town (killing 75 persons and wounding 84) in an effort to wipe out a nest of Algerian rebels which are thought to be living there. The French claimed they gave the town warning.

Tunisians deny that warning was given, but whether warning was given or not, the attack on the village, Sakiet Sidi Youssef, near the Algerian frontier, was a military and diplomatic blunder in every sense of the word. It seems to be an act of fury and despair, on the part of the French, who have been unable to suppress the Nationalists in Algeria, just as they were unable to suppress them in other North African territories under their control.

The truth is that the natives in North Africa hate the French to an extent which makes settlement of the problem of Nationalism, in Algeria, highly improbable. American bases in French territory in North Africa are placed in a precarious position.

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Leaving everything to somebody else is a good way to let somebody else run everything.

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It's getting so those days that you cannot judge a man's bank account by the size of the automobile he drives.

## Washington Notes

### U. S. REGAINS PRESTIGE

The United States has regained some prestige, but not all, with the recent launching of its orbiting Explorer — prestige that was lost to Russia in October when that country launched its first Sputnik. However, top officials acknowledge the nation still has a long way to go.

These officials said it would be foolish to underestimate the lead Russia holds as the result of its achievement in getting two sputniks aloft months before the United States got its Explorer into orbit.

It is hoped that one of the early diplomatic results of the the successful launching of the U. S. satellite will be a new United States move to press President Eisenhower's proposal to Soviet Premier Bulganin for an agreement pledging outer space to peaceful uses.

### IKE ASKS TRADE PORRGA

President Eisenhower has asked Congress for a five-year extension of the reciprocal trade program with increased power for him to negotiate tariff cuts. He said "it is essential to America's vital national interests."

### NIXON'S EUROPEAN TOUR

Vice President Nixon and Russian leaders apparently would like to meet (and might) on Nixon's scheduled European tour next summer and fall.

The Vice President reportedly received no formal invitation to visit Russia during a surprise 42-minute meeting with the departing Soviet Ambassador, Georgi Zarubin. But one result of that conference is increased speculation that the Russians want to know a lot more about Nixon's thinking than they could learn through the Zarubin talks.

### PRESIDENT OPTIMISTIC

President Eisenhower has told the Republicans that they can campaign on a "five-years-of-prosperity" platform, despite the current business recession. "This is a period of consolidating the gains of recent years," Eisenhower said. "Many people are paying off installment debts. Many businesses are trimming inventories. The economy is catching its breath for a new advance after the fast expansion of recent years."

### LUNCH PROGRAM GROWS

The government-sponsored school lunch program may soon become a 1,000,000,00-a-year market for farmers.

An Agriculture Department report showed that funds and foods contributed to this program totaled $853,000,000. This was an increase of 35 per cent in two years.

Officials said each year more and more schools, with corresponding increases in pupils, enter the program. They said the $1,000,000,-000 point in spending for foods for the program may be reached in another year.

### '57 FARM INCOME BELOW '56

Farm income in 1957 fell below that of 1956, Secretary of Agriculture Benson had predicted that it would be higher.

In a report on the m for farm products, the Department said that f ized net income from declined slightly below figure of $12,900,000,0 ment economists said estimates put the 1957 $11,900,000,000. Final f be announced in March


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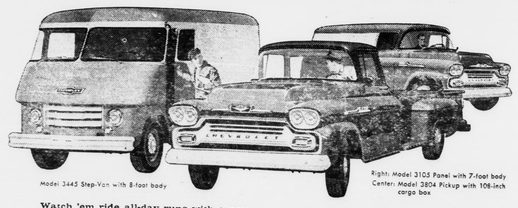

Model 3445 Step-Van with 8-foot body

Right: Model 3105 Panel with 7-foot body
Center: Model 3824 Pickup with 108-inch cargo box

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## Financial Statement Of Appomattox County

Receipts and Disbursements for the year beginning July 1st., and ending June 30, 1957.

### RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| To balance | $ 25,301.58 |
| unount from Taxes | 245,683.69 |
| quent Taxes aand Land Redemptions | 6,107.86 |
| est and Advertising costs | 237.06 |
| afer fees | 200.70 |
| ty Licenses &c | 442.50 |
| Fines | 495.00 |
| monwealth Atty. fees | 57.51 |
| ff. Fees | 348.69 |
| very from Public Assistance | 48.56 |
| nds | 30.38 |
| ge to Public Property | 21.00 |
| e Forester (sale of timber) | 1,422.92 |
| e A. B. C. Profits and Wine Tax | 23,135.65 |
| d of Prisoners, from State | 1,717.75 |
| tation Tax returned | 1,575.50 |
| dians Service (jail) | 2.83 |
| ic Assistance Grants | 64,724.10 |
| r Vehicle Carrier Tax | 257.32 |
| e of Hospitalization—expense | 2,869.40 |
| e of FICA Contributions | 314.49 |
| e of County Owned Cars | 606.15 |
| e on Gas Tax refunds | 105.00 |
| ury | 83.29 |
| afer from Dog Tax Fund | 1,193.67 |
| | 376,979.50 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Administration: | |
| d of Supervisors- comp. & mileage | 935.22 |
| pensation of Clerk | 150.00 |
| ertising | 61.90 |
| iting by Public Accountant | 1,471.35 |
| nty Finance Board- Comp. of Members | 19.20 |
| | 2,637.67 |
| ment of Taxable Property- | |
| s. of Revenue- compensation | 1,650.00 |
| p. of Deputy and Clerks | 1,308.50 |
| ge, Telephone & Telegraph | 64.78 |
| veling expense | 118.20 |
| onery & Office Supplies | 79.96 |
| dries | 9.23 |
| | $ 3,230.69 |
| ion and Disbursement of Taxes &c. | |
| pensation of Treasurer | 1,945.00 |
| pensation of Deputy & Office Assistants | 1,575.00 |
| ertising | 45.25 |
| ium on Surety Bonds | 10.00 |
| irs to Office equipment | 30.87 |
| ge, Telephone & Telegraph | 191.05 |
| veling expenses | 6.83 |
| onery & Office supplies | 385.56 |
| dries | 10.06 |
| | $ 4,199.56 |
| ling of Documents: | |
| County Clerk. | |
| pensation | 1,200.00 |
| pensation of Clerk-Rec. Del. Land sales | 34.90 |
| p. of Deputy & Office Assts. | 780.00 |
| ling &c | 51.11 |
| rance Premium- Burglary | 31.10 |
| tage, telephone & Telegraph | 67.05 |
| onery, Office supplies etc. | 803.21 |
| dries | 5.40 |
| | $ 2,972.77 |
| nistration of Justice. | |
| pensation of Circuit Judge | 875.95 |
| pensation of Jurors and Witnesses | 403.34 |
| pensation Members of Jury Commission | 30.00 |
| nty Court (Trial Justice) | |
| tage, telephone and telegraph | 83.05 |
| dry | 21.43 |
| monwealth's Attorney. | |
| pensation | 1,266.66 |
| | $ 2,679.77 |
| Prevention and Detection: | |
| Policing and Investigation | |
| pensation of Sheriff | 1,366.66 |
| pensation of Deputies and Assistants | 1,576.01 |
| p. of Coroner | 70.00 |
| ium on Surety bond | 15.00 |
| tage, telephone and telegraph | 80.27 |
| veling expenses | 12.52 |
| tainment and care of Prisoners: | |
| pensation of Matron and Cook | 266.00 |
| ard of Prisoners | 1,056.92 |
| tric Current | 308.00 |
| urance- Sheriff car | 230.54 |
| rvicing Equipment (Sheriff's car) | 856.77 |
| ter Service | 70.30 |
| ndry | 54.76 |
| aning materials and supplies | 58.94 |
| dical supplies | 24.35 |
| ndry Supplies | 29.49 |
| | $ 6,076.60 |
| Prevention and Extinction | |
| est Fire Extinction Services | $ 1,494.99 |
| le Welfare: | |
| ard Public Welfare- comp. of members | 600.00 |
| veling expenses | 26.32 |
| pensation of Superintendent- one-half pd. by State | 4,200.00 |
| pensation of Welfare aids, Clerks &c.- ½ pd. by State | 6,000.0 |
| ies and Subscriptions | 35.00 |
| emium on Surety bond | 5.00 |
| tage, telephone and telegraph | 337.40 |
| raveling expense | 1,123.09 |
| mployees Federal Ins. contribution | 216.81 |
| dical service, etc. | 59.86 |
| tationery, office supplies, etc. | 183.97 |
| undry | 60.10 |
| ublic Assistance-Federal, State and Local: | |
| eneral relief | 2,346.81 |
| ld age assistance | 35,563.00 |
| ld to blind | 5,508.00 |
| ld to dependent children | 12,508.00 |
| oster care | 1,762.80 |
| ld to Permanently & totally disabled | 7,418.00 |
| stitutional Care: | |
| ospitalization | 7,737.51 |
| atients and Detention Home | 12.00 |
| Contribution-Children's Home So. of Va. and Crippled Children's Hospital | 150.00 |
| Lunacy Commissions: | |
| Compensation of Members | 120.00 |
| | $ 85,973.67 |
| Public Health: | |
| Comp. of Registrars of Vital Statistics | 63.00 |
| Contribution to State Department of Health Unit | 3,300.00 |
| | $ 3,363.00 |
| Advancement of Agriculture and Home Economics: | |
| Comp. of Farm Demonstrators | 2,520.00 |
| Comp.of Home Demonstrators | 1,600.01 |
| Office rent | 210.00 |
| Telephone and Telegraaph | 205.35 |
| Youth-Adult Extension Work | 100.00 |
| | $ 4,635.36 |
| Protection of Livestock & Fowls: | |
| Compensation of GameWarden- | 600.00 |
| Record Books and Tags | 105.60 |
| Bounty Claims | 27.00 |
| Fowl Claims | 91.91 |
| Livestock Claims | 55.00 |
| | $ 879.51 |
| Elections: | |
| Compensation of election officials | 1,265.11 |
| Rent, election booths &c. | 109.63 |
| Preparing, printing and posting voting lists etc. | 222.31 |
| | $ 1,597.05 |
| Maintenance of Buildings and grounds: | |
| Wages of Janitor | 1,100.00 |
| Electric current | 137.09 |
| Insurance Premiums | 281.83 |
| Repairs to buildings and upkeep of grounds | 228.07 |
| Water service | 70.88 |
| Building materials and supplies | 188.93 |
| Fuel | 1,207.40 |
| Sundry | 36.87 |
| | $ 3,250.98 |
| Miscellaneous Operating Functions: | |
| Insurance Premiums-Workmen's Compensation | 78.60 |
| Employees Federal Insurance Contributions | 705.34 |
| Compensation, Clerk, Road Viewers &c. | 100.00 |
| Sundries | 100.88 |
| Contribution-League of Va. Counties | 87.64 |
| Contribution-Jamestown Festival | 79.93 |
| Contribution-Pamplin Fire Department | 250.00 |
| Contribution-Civil Defense | 79.70 |
| | $ 1,482.00 |
| Schools- | |
| Compensation of Superintendent | 1,000.00 |
| To purchase Schoell bus | 3,017.23 |
| Transferred from Gen. Fund to School Fund | 210,660.00 |
| | $215,577.23 |
| Capitol Outlay: | |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 188.48 |
| Fire Truck | 10,509.74 |
| Fire Truck House | 984.75 |
| | $ 11,682.97 |
| | $351,733.91 |

**Summary of Expenditures:**

| | |
|---|---|
| County Administration & Functions | $ 37,620.53 |
| Dog Tax Fund Expenditures | 879.51 |
| Public Welfare & Assistance | 85,973.67 |
| Transferred to Schools &c. | 215,577.23 |
| Captiol Outlay | 11,682.97 |
| | $351,733.91 |

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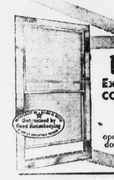

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